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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT DAOUD IN DELHI

1. AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAOUD, WHO ARRIVED IN DELHI MARCH 10,
SAID IN REPLY TO A TOAST THAT EVENING THAT THE LIFTING OF
THE US ARMS EMBARGO AT A TIME WHEN PAKISTAN WAS SHEDDING
BLOOD IN BALUCHISTAN AND PUSHTUNISTAN CAUSED AFGHANISTAN
"GREAT CONCERN" AND WOULD CREATE AN ADDITIONAL THREAT TO
PEACE IN THE REGION. AFGHANISTAN EXPECTED THE US WOULD
REALLY SUPPORT PEACEFUL EFFORTS AIMED AT CREATING
STABILITY IN SOUTH ASIA." (TEXT BELOW)
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2. FOLLOWING HIS TWO-HOUR SESSION WITH MRS. GANDHI MARCH 10
(90 MINUTES OF IT TETE-A-TETE), DAOUD TOLD THE PRESS WITH
REGARD TO THE LIFTING OF THE US ARMS EMBARGO THAT, "IT IS A
COMMON DIFFICULTY WITH WHICH BOTH OF US ARE FACED. AS I

SAID IT IS ONE OF THE COMMON PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH OUR REGION." AFTER A 45-MINUTE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD MARCH 11, INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN TOLD THE PRESS, "WE HAD A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEW AND (GAVE OUR RESPECTIVE) ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION CREATED BY US ARMS SUPPLY (TO PAKISTAN) AND ITS EFFECT ON THE REGION. CERTAIN MATTERS OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION ALSO CAME UP." DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH CONFIRMED TO NEWSMEN THAT THE TALKS WERE "CONCENTRATED ON THE SITUATION IN THE REGION." HE REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID, " I MUST SAY THAT PAKISTAN HAS UNFORTUNATELY DELAYED A RAPPROACHMENT AND DIALOGUE WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN US.....IT IS ENTIRELY UP TO MR. BHUTTO. ANY DIALOGUE IS WELCOME IF THEY CAN GO BACK TO THE STATUS QUO BEFORE THE 10TH OF FEBRUARY."

3. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT DAOUD'S REPLY TO THE INDIAN PRESIDENT'S TOAST MARCH 10:

" I WISH FIRST OF ALL TO AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS AND THOSE OF MY COMPANIONS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR KIND AND FRIENDLY WORDS AND THE WARM AND CORDIAL RECEPTION, SYMBOLISING THE FRIENDSHIP AND TRADITIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, EXTENDED TO ME AND MY COMPANIONS IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL AND GREAT COUNTRY.

" I AM PERSONALLY HAPPY TO FIND ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THIS FRIENDLY COUNTRY ON YOUR KIND INVITATION TO CONVEY TO YOU THE MESSAGE OF FRIENDSHIP AND CORDIAL FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.

"FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA HAVE A LONG HISTORY. AS NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, WE HAVE HAD ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL RELATIONS. THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF FOREIGN DOMINATION THE STRUGGLE CARRIED ON BY OUR PEOPLES TO RESTORE THEIR FREEDOM AND PROTECT THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED AND ENDORSED BY EACH ONE OF US AND PURSUED DILIGENTLY BY OUR NATIONS. AFTER THE END OF COLONIALISM RELATIONS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND INDEPENDENT INDIA HAVE DEVELOPED STEADILY. THIS FRIENDSHIP IS BASED ON FIRM FOUNDATIONS THAT ARE NOT ONLY TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT BUT ALSO USEFUL AND FRUITFUL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE IN THE REGION. THESE AGE-OLD TIES HAVE NOW MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO EXPAND PROFITABLE COOPERATION ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF MODERN TIMES AND THE INTERESTS AND ASPIRATION OF BOTH NATIONS TO ENHANCE OUR COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS. WE HAVE, AND DO APPRECIATE CORDIALLY INDIAS COOPERATION, WHICH POSSESSES VAST AND VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH.

"IN VISITING YOUR GREAT AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AFTER A LAPSE OF SIXTEEN YEARS I OBSERVE THE PROGRESS MADE BY YOUR GOVERNMENT WITH THE INDEFATIGABLE EFFORTS OF THE PATRIOTIC PEOPLE OF ANCIENT INDIA WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. THIS GREAT AND SPECTACULAR SUCCESS IS WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE AND ADMIRATION. I AM VERY HAPPY TO STATE THAT THE PEOPLE OF MY COUNTRY HAVE FOLLOWED, AND ARE FOLLOWING WITH KEEN INTEREST THE EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE OF INDIA IN THIS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL UPSURGE. THE FRUITFUL ENDEAVOURS OF MY LATE FRIEND, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, THE PLEASANT MEMORIES OF WHOSE FRIENDSHIP ARE STILL CHERISHED BY ME, AS ALSO THE EFFORTS OF OTHER INDIAN LEADERS PARTICULARLY THE PERSISTENT ENDEAVOURS OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MRS. INDIRA GANDHI ARE IMPORTANT AND POSITIVE CAUSES OF THIS REALITY.

"AS OUR INDIAN FRIENDS ARE AWARE THE LIFE OF THE AFGHAN NATION DURING THE DECADE PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REPUBLICAN REGIME WAS FACED WITH A DEEP AND RAVAGING CRISIS IN VARIOUS SPHERES. THEREFORE A NEW APPROACH AND A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE WERE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR TACKLING THIS DISARRAY. IT WAS UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE DECIDED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WILL OF THE AFGHAN NATION AND FOR THE FUTURE PROSPERITY OF THE COUNTRY, TO ESTABLISH A REPUBLICAN REGIME AND REAL AND REASONABLE DEMOCRACY, WHICH CONSTITUTE THE REAL OBJECTIVE OF OUR REVOLUTION AND THE FOUNDATIONS OF WHICH REST UPON SERVICE TO THE MASSES IN AFGHANISTAN. THE REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP

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IN THE COUNTRY IS FORGIN AHEAD TOWARDS ITS GOAL WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF ALL SECTIONS OF THE NATION SOLEMNLY AND WITH FULL AWARENESS. IT IS HOPED THAT WE WILL SURMOUNT OUR DIFFICULTIES.

"AFGHANISTAN'S FOREIGN POLICY HAS ALWAYS RESTED UPON THE PRINCIPLE OF ACTIVE NON-ALIGNMENT AND INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF THE WORLD PROBLEMS, WHICH POLICY IT HAS CONSTRUED TO BE THE BEST MEANS OF PRESERVING TRANQUILITY AND MAINTAINING A DURABLE PEACE IN THE REGION AND THE WORLD. EVERY ACT WHICH MAY UNDERMINE THIS IDEAL IS STRONGLY CENSURED BY AFGHANISTAN, BUT WHILE HOLDING FIRMLY THIS BELIEF WE OBSERVE THAT THERE IS A GOVERNMENT IN OUR REGION WHICH PAYS NO HEED TO THE NATIONAL DESIRES OF THE MASSES AND WANTS, BY WRONG AND MISTAKEN METHODS AND THE USE OF FORCE TO SUPPRESS THEIR NATIONAL SENTIMENTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY. THE ONE AND ONLY POLITICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN CONCERNS THE RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF OUR PAKHTOON AND BALOOCHIS BROTHERS. WE HAVE ALWYAS EXPRESSED OUR WILLINGNESS TO SETTLE THIS ONLY DIFFERENCE WITH THAT COUNTRY, BUT WE SEE THAT PAKISTAN IS NOT READY TO GIVE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO OUR DESIRE IN THIS REGARD.

"VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS IN PAKISTAN HAVE CONSISTENTLY EMPLOYED FEAR FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR INTERNAL STABILITY AND PROCURING ARMS WHILE IT IS PAKISTAN ITSELF, WHICH BY JOINING VARIOUS MILITARY PACTS, STOCKPILING VARIOUS KINDS OF ARMS HAS AROUSED THE CONCERN OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION AND DISTURBED THE TRANQUILITY AND STABILITY IN THE AREA.

"THE RECENT LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO TO PAKISTAN BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN A TIME THAT PAKISTAN IS ENGAGED IN SHEDDING BLOOD IN BALOCHISTAN AND PASHTUNISTAN HAS CAUSED GRAVE CONCERN TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN. IT WILL LEAD TO IMBALANCE IN THE REGION AND PROMOTE AN ARMAMENTS RACE AND WOULD CREATE AN ADDITIONAL THREAT TO PEACE IN THE REGION. AFGHANISTAN EXPECTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AS IT HAS DECLARED WILL REALLY SUPPORT PEACEFUL EFFORTS AIMED AT CREATING STABILITY IN SOUTH ASIA SO THAT THE PEOPLE IN THIS REGION, INSTEAD OF SPENDING THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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LIMITED RESOURCES ON ARMS, MAY DEVOTE ATTENTION TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMMES.

"FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA IS BASED UPON PEACEFUL POLICIES AND BOTH COUNTRIES WANT PEACE IN THE REGION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP THEY FULLY BELIEVE IN SEEKING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ALL PROBLEMS ON THE BASIS OF JUSTICE AND REALISM. WE CONSIDER MILITARY OPERATIONS AND UNWARRANTED REARMING UNDESIRABLE ACTIONS THAT ARE DETRIMENTAL TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION AND THE WORLD. IT WAS, AND IS PAKISTAN WHICH CREATES ANXIETY AND UNREST IN THE REGION.

" WE OBSERVE WITH PLEASURE THAT THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA ON MOST INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN SIMILAR AND COMPLEMENTARY TO EACH OTHER. ACCORD BETWEEN THE AFGHAN AND INDIAN DELEGATIONS AT UNITED NATIONS MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAS BEEN A MARK OF THE CLOSENESS OF POINT OF VIEW OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ABOUT THE WORLD SITUATION AND THAT IS WHY AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA, ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS, HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO MILITARY PACTS AND AFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POLICY OF NEUTRALITY FOR STRENGTHENING WORLD PEACE AND PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

"WITH REGARD TO THE MIDDLE EAST, AFGHANISTAN, WHILE APPRECIATING ALL EFFORTS MADE TO ESTABLISH PEACE IN THAT SENSITIVE REGION OF THE WORLD, BELIEVE THAT PEACE AND SECURITY THERE ARE NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE EVACUATION OF THE ISRAELI FORCES OF AGGRESSION FROM THE OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS, RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE

PEOPLE OF PALESTINE AND THE RETURN OF JERUSALEM TO
ARAB SOVEREIGNTY.

IN THE SPHERE OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL
COMMERCE THE PRESENT SYSTEM THAT IS A REMNANT OF THE
COLONIAL ERA CAN IN NO WAY CONFORM WITH THE PRESENT CONDITIONS
AND CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE WORLD CREATED AS A RESULT OF THE
EMERGENCE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF FREE COUNTRIES IN THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND, THEREFORE A NEW ORDER SHOULD BE
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CREATED WHICH COULD CONFORM TO THE PRESENT-DAY NEEDS AND
DEMANDS IN THIS SPHERE TAKING ESPECIALLY INTO ACCOUNT THE
INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD.

"THE COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD SHOULD UTILISE THE
WAY THEY DEEM IT IS NECESSARY THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND
MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN THEIR POSSESSION. IN THE PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES WE REGARD ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TOO, AS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.
IN OUR OPINION EVERY COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT ACCORDING TO THE
UNITED NATIONS CHARTER TO UTILISE ITS RESOURCES IN ANY WAY
IT MAY LIKE FOR ITS OWN MATERIAL AND MORAL DEVELOPMENT. EVERY
FORM OF INTERVENTION, COERCION AND INTIMIDATION IN THIS REGARD
IS UNACCEPTABLE AND ALL EXISTING DIFFERENCES IN THIS RESPECT
SHOULD BE SETTLED IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING AND CLOSE COOPERATION.

"I WISH ONCE AGAIN TO OFFER MY HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE
LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF INDIA FOR THE WARM AND CORDIAL RECEPTION
ACCORDED TO ME AND MY COMPANIONS IN THE FRIENDLY COUNTRY OF
INDIA AND I NOW REQUEST MY ESTEEMED FRIENDS AND ALL PRESENT
TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST.

TO THE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE
PRESIDENT-

TO THE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS OF MRS. INDIRA GANDHI,
THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA-

TO THE FURTHER PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE FRIENDLY
INDIAN NATION -

TO STRONGER TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN."SAXBE
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